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Rapper Bobby Shmurda's Brooklyn gun possession charge officially becomes part of conspiracy case

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Ackquille Pollard, better known as rapper Bobby Shmurda, was in Brooklyn Supreme Court Tuesday to learn his gun case was officially made part of another indictment in Manhattan. (Jesse Ward/for New York Daily News)



Bobby Shmurda's Brooklyn gun case was dismissed Tuesday — but that's not necessarily good news for the rising star rapper.

The weapon possession charges he was accused of became part of a more serious conspiracy indictment filed last December in Manhattan.

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They represent the most direct evidence against the 20-year-old hip hop phenom, who prosecutors described as the "driving force" behind a street crew called GS9 that was allegedly responsible for shootings and drug sales.

He was arrested with a pal in June 2014 after cops saw him holding a pistol inside an East Flatbush apartment, and he then tried to stuff the 9-mm. Glock between cushions of a couch, court documents allege.

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That incident "is incorporated into the indictment (by the office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor) so we're moving to dismiss," assistant district attorney Melissa Cardinale said in Brooklyn Supreme Court.

The move is technical and meant to avoid double jeopardy.

Just over a month after the Brooklyn bust, while out on a \$10,000 bail, Epic Records signed Shmurda - real name Ackquille Pollard - to a seven-figure deal.

His "Shmoney Dance" has become a viral sensation and his hit "Hot Boy" reached No. 6 on the Billboard chart and garnered close to 1 million downloads.



Bobby Shmurda arrives at Power 105.1's Powerhouse 2014 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn in 2014. (Scott Roth/Invision/AP)



But it all came crashing down with the conspiracy indictment, for which he's facing up to 25 years to life in prison and was locked up on a \$2 million bail.

Defense lawyer Kenneth Montgomery called the exuberant bail amount "absolutely ridiculous" and contested the allegation his client led any gang.

"This is a glorified case and they have to follow their cheese," he said of prosecutors. "This is what we're fighting."

Shmurda, hands shackled behind his back and wearing a dark-gray sweat suit, looked behind him during the hearing as if to find relatives in the thin courtroom crowd. There were only a number of young strangers in the audience who nodded and smiled in recognition of the up-and-coming star.

Montgomery said Shmurda is trying to keep his head high behind bars while still hoping to make bail.

"I think he is resilient and I think he's trying to survive," the lawyer said.

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